

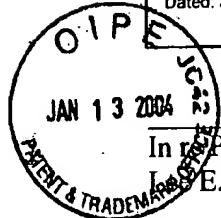
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For: CLASS OF FEATURE EVENT GAMES  
SUITABLE FOR LINKING TO MULTIPLE  
GAMING MACHINES

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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